

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: **Pancham, et al.**

Serial No.: **10/680,325**

Examiner: **Tadesse, Yewebdar, T.**

Confirmation No.: **5447**

Title: **APPARATUS TO IMPROVE  
WAFER TEMPERATURE  
UNIFORMITY FOR FACE-UP WET  
PROCESSING**

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Case: **AMAT/8024/CMP/ECP/RKK**

Filed: **October 6, 2003**

Group Art Unit: **1734**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED AUGUST 9, 2006**

In response to the Office Action dated August 9, 2006, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on November 9, 2006, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for the reasons discussed below. Although the Applicants believe no fees are due in connection with this response, the Commissioner is authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782 for any fees, including extension of time or other fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.